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JUDGE OGLESBY

Statesville Daily.

John M. Oglesby, of Concord, named by Governor McLean Superior Court judge for this district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge B. F. Long, was not listed as among the candidates and his appointment was therefore unexpected. Those in touch with the situation, however, understood that the governor desired to name a young man and if possible an ex-service man, and he found what he wanted in Mr. Oglesby, whose age is 37. The new judge is not widely known. It is one of the peculiarities of the legal profession that a lawyer, no matter what his ability, rarely attains distinction as a leader in his profession until he reaches middle life. The fact, therefore, that Mr. Oglesby is not widely known, that he has been in the practice of his profession but a few years and has not attained distinction probably outside of his home county, does not mean that he isn't qualified for the high position to which he has been appointed. He is a nephew of the late Judge William J. Montgomery, of Concord, in his day one of the most eminent lawyers in this section of the state. An uncle of the same name was a judge in Virginia. In fact the young judge is said to be connected with lawyers of distinction from both branches of his family. That of itself signifies nothing, but those acquainted with the young man testify that he lives up to the family reputation; that his legal attainments are unusual for one of his years; that he is a student, is self-reliant and has judicial temperament. In short lawyers who know Judge Oglesby say that he is exceptionally well qualified in all respects for the bench and they are sure that his service will illustrate the wisdom of his appointment. His appointment is for less than two years. Next year a judge for this district will be elected, but if Judge Oglesby shows that he is as fit as his friends believe him to be he will in all probability be his own successor.

Iredell bar endorsed former Lieutenant Governor Turner for the appointment. Mr. H. D. Grier, Sr., and Solicitor Long, of Statesville, Mr. Z. T. Euston, of Mooreville, were also mentioned in that connection, although they were not applicants. But it was too much to expect that the judgeship could come to Iredell. For 32 years continuously this county has had the Superior Court judge—Judge Armfield two years, Judge Coble eight years and Judge Long 22 years; and for ten years Iredell man has been solicitor, Judge Long filling that office eight years before he was promoted to the bench. In fact for more than half a century, with a few intervals, Iredell county has furnished the judge or the solicitor, sometimes both, for the judicial district. Judge Anderson Mitchell, resident of Statesville, served following the war between the states, up to the time of his death, and Judge Frenches filled out his unexpired term (some years before Judge Furches became a member of the Supreme Court). Jos. S. Adams, resident of Statesville, was for a term or two solicitor, and he was succeeded by B. F. Long. While Iredell has the material, it is too much to expect that the county can have both the judge and the solicitor all the time. The other counties in the district naturally expect some share in the honors.

Judge Oglesby was a newspaper man before he fell from grace and entered the legal profession. So far from holding it against him that he abandoned newspapering for lawyering, we feel a kindly interest in him on account of his former association. We are, therefore, extending congratulations not only but assuring his honor of sincere good wishes for his success, with the confident expectation that he will measure up as his friends believe he will.

The New Superior Court Judge. Charlotte News.

Governor McLean disregarded what the public would stangingly call "the dope" in making John M. Oglesby, of Concord, the successor of the lamented Judge Long, instead of one of a handful of others who had been strongly recommended and any one of whom might have been expected to land the position.

Nevertheless, the governor has chosen a fine young fellow who will carry dignity to the bench as well as a balanced judicial temperament and a knowledge of the law that make his abilities suit well to the exactions of this high post.

Mr. Oglesby has been prominent in the life of Concord, the town of his nativity, and is altogether a young man of worth and worthiness of the honors attaching to the appointment.

The fact that he was at one time engaged in the newspaper business should not be held against him in view of his reformation some time ago and his total divorce from that profession. In spite of the ink he got on his fingers during the years he was feeling his way through newspaper experience he has turned out to be a thorough success in the profession of the law, as his appointment by the governor is abundant testimony.

Mr. McLean is not the sort of a governor to be indiscriminating in his choice of men suitable for offices to which he must make appointment. He is inclined to weigh one's talents and capacities, first of all, instead of finally alighting upon one for nothing more than strategic reasons.

Tom Has Something to Be Thankful Over. Greensboro News.

Still, Tom Jimison may find that 60 days on the gang is a cheap price to pay for not having the troubles of running a newspaper.

A STRAIGHT TALK TO PARENTS OF GIRLS.

Literary Digest.

Not long ago a girl who had become "boy crazy" and completely enamored in the night life of a great city, actually shot and killed the mother who tried to remonstrate with her. The flapper who was cut loose from home ties and is "going the pace" has been scathingly referred to so often in the press in recent years, that it may be her side of the case has been somewhat lost sight of.

"My parents will not let me have dates with boys. I have to lie when I go out with a boy. I hate to deceive my father and mother. Boys don't respect a girl who does that but what can I do?" This is the sort of plaint, sixteen-year-old girls are making every day to people in whom they really confide. So says Dorothy Dix, whose level headed advice to young people in trouble has so long helped to humanize the home pages of various American newspapers.

The orthodox advice to give in such cases, admits Miss Dix, is to say: "Obey your parents, little girl. Be good and you will be happy." But the trouble is, she explains, the normal girl may not pine after abstract virtue at sixteen. She wants to have a good time and do what her other girl friends are doing. And often she isn't going to take "my advice, nor her parent's advice, nor that of any other of a wise-acre." So this woman, who knows so much of young people's hearts, addresses herself this time, not to the girls who are doing the wrong and foolish things, but to their parents. With the best intentions in the world, she laments, they are pushing their beloved daughters into the abyss that yawns for silly, reckless, unguided, little girls. We quote from the New York Evening Post:

"Wake up fathers and mothers, from the trance in which you have doped yourselves into believing that your daughter is different from all of the other girls of her generation, and that you can prevent her from doing all the things that the other girls do. Cast aside your cherished belief that you can keep your girl-child in a hermetically sealed jar, in which she will be untouched by all the waves of passion and desire that sway the youth about her until such a time as you are ready to take her out of bondage and give her freedom. Forget that you ever imagined that you could enforce absolute obedience on your daughter, and that she would be but clay in your hands.

"I am not discussing here a whether sixteen is old enough to have dates or not, or the ethics of dancing and moving pictures. Without doubt, it would be sweet if sixteen were the artless child her parents think she is, and if she wanted to play with dolls and still believes in fairies and read 'Alice in Wonderland.'

"But the point is that sixteen now is often more sophisticated than sixty; that she has the backing of her home and father behind her. She is classed as a 'good sport' who is willing to do anything to have a good time, and who will go the limit.

"It is literally and terribly true that the girl who slips away from home to enjoy forbidden pleasures nearly always slips down into the pit. Don't make your daughters pay that frightful price for the pleasures of youth for which she is so hungry, just because you think she isn't old enough to have a beau.

"And how are you to know what sort of boys your daughter is associating with if you do not let them come to the house to see her.

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Long and Short Sessions.
The life of Congress is two years. A new Congress comes into legal existence on March 4th of the odd years. The constitution provides that the Congress shall assemble, at least once every year and that such meeting shall be on the first Monday in December, unless the Congress by law appoints a different day. The long session is the first regular session of a Congress. It begins on the first Monday in December of the odd years and continues until the following June, July or August, being frequently determined by the hot weather in Washington. There is no law to determine its length. Congress can adjourn any time it sees fit. However, it must under the constitution meet again in the fall session of Congress begins on the following December. The second regular session is the first Monday of the even years. It automatically comes to an end on the following March 4th, because the Congress itself comes to a legal end. Hence this session is called the short session.

Gold Rush in Manitoba.
A stampede of gold seekers was started to the Manitoba and Swan river district of Manitoba when yellow substance found in the earth there was pronounced gold by the assay office. The yellow streak in the dirt was found seven years ago by a farmer digging a well; the assay office only recently made its report.

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